

LEEDS SFA 'A' 5-0 LEEDS SFA 'B'

Ted Gode proved the difference as Leeds SFA 'A' beat the B team 5-0 at St Theresa's School in Cross Gates on Saturday morning.

Gode scored four goals – including an absolute belter to open the scoring – as the A team seized the bragging rights in this battle of the city's two elite district sides.

The opening to the game was predictably fierce, with these familiar foes roaring into challenges in a goalless and even first 20 minutes.

Bs goalkeeper Ollie Latham saved at the second attempt from Gabriel Dunning then Ben Murray was crunched from behind unintentionally by Omar Bah. Murray took the free kick himself but drilled wide.

After the first 20-minute interval, the Bs had a chance immediately when Aden Surtees galloped clear down the left but had his rising shot tipped on to the bar by Dan Squires. At the other end, Jaden Johnson hacked a flicked header off the line.

The game was gradually opening up, and it was a piece of magic by Gode which turned it in the As' favour. He used his awesome strength to bounce off three challenging defenders before lashing an exocet shot into the top left hand corner.

The Bs could have equalised immediately when Johnson's shot deflected Across goal to Surtees but from four yards with the goal gaping he couldn't quite adjust his feet quickly enough to knock it over the line. It proved to be the Bs' last real opening.

Gode almost added a second with a beautiful volley from a corner which was well parried by Latham, then he somehow completely missed the ball with the goal at his mercy after Ben Murray's crossed had struck the post.

He didn't have to wait much longer before getting on the scoresheet again, finding the top corner again – from closer in this time - after some lovely interplay in the build-up.

At the second 20-minute interval there was still hope for the Bs, but it was soon snuffed out by the irrepressible Gode. A slip by Johnson at the back was seized upon and he poked into the bottom corner for his hat-trick.

His fourth also owed much to defensive lapses as the Bs back line should have cleared, only for the ball to come back across their penalty area from the right and Gode to convert from close range.

It was 5-0 not long afterwards as a shot from distance, which was flying wide, took a deflection off the unfortunate Johnson's outstretched leg, diverting it past Latham.

Lewis Spellman almost got a deserved consolation for the Bs but after twisting into the box he wasn't quite able to keep his shot down on the stretch.